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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN HELP TO INDONESIA

1. DURING RETURN COURTESY CALL ON SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR BAKR ABBAS KHOMAIS MARCH 25, I HAD OPPORTUNITY INQUIRE ABOUT FUTURE SAUDI ARABIAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL HELP TO INDONESIA. SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR IS DEPARTING MARCH 26 FOR CONSULTATIONS IN RIYADH.

2. AMBASSADOR TOLD ME SAUDI ARABIA IS BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO INDONESIAN NEEDS BECAUSE OF MAJOR MUSLIM POPULATION. FOR SEVERAL YEARS SAUDI ARABIA HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO MOSQUES, RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS AND OTHER ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS IN INDONESIA AND THIS IS CONTINUING.

3. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DATE HAS CONSISTED OF \$120 MILLION IN LOANS, \$70 MILLION FOR FERTILIZER PLANT AND \$50 MILLION FOR ROADS ON JAVA.

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4. SAUDI ARABIA IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER FURTHER LENDING BUT ONLY AFTER FEASIBILITY STUDIES CLEARLY SHOW ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF PROJECTS. BECAUSE OF GENERAL SLOWNESS OF INDONESIAN BUREAUCRACY AND RELATIVELY STRICT REQUIREMENTS BY SAUDI ARABIA, I DID NOT GET IMPRESSION AMBASSADOR EXPECTED AN EARLY OR SUBSTANTIAL FLOW OF SAUDI MONEY.

5. SAUDIS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT FOR OIL STORAGE ON LOMBOK ISLAND IN COOPERATION WITH JAPAN. SAUDI AMBASSADOR ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT AT \$2 BILLION. HE SAID, WHILE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED MATTER, HE IS OF OPINION THAT SAUDIS WOULD PREFER TO STORE OIL AT HOME RATHER THAN AT DISTANT LOCATION IN INDONESIA.

6. SAUDI AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD CANADIAN AMBASSADOR THAT HE COULD FORESEE POSSIBILITY OF \$20 BILLION IN PROJECTS IN INDONESIA OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO SAUDIS. IN MY OWN DISCUSSION WITH HIM, I DID NOT GET IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS THINKING REALISTICALLY IN THESE TERMS.

7. POST WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMMENTS FROM JIDDA ON FUTURE SAUDI HELP TO INDONESIA.

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